

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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The Honorable David Price
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$1,000,000 for the Resurgent Neighborhoods Initiative (RNI) conducted by the City of Syracuse, with City Hall located at 233 E Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

The requested amount of \$1,000,000 would be used by the city for their RNI Blight Remediation and Emergency Abatement program. As part of a partnership with the Syracuse Land Bank, this program would make essential repairs, correct code violations, and address hazards at properties throughout Syracuse. Covered properties would include occupied rental space and vacant facilities owned by the Land Bank.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the health and safety of properties throughout Syracuse and work to address housing instability in the city. Given the area's long-standing challenges with the safety of local housing, including lead exposure and other hazards that have had an outsize impact on Syracuse's low-income populations, these investments are long overdue. Additionally, this investment, and the associated increase to local property values, would make a significant contribution towards city-wide efforts to promote economic development and revitalization.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", is positioned above a horizontal line.

John Katko
Member of Congress